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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL TO SECRETARY

1. SYG WALDHEIM TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING, OCTOBER 8, TO SAY THAT HE WAS SENDING OVER A LETTER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER REPORTING CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER. LETTER HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED WITH COPY FOR USUN. ORIGINAL BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH. IT READS AS FOLLOWS.

2. A. QUOTE 7 OCTOBER 1975 DEAR HENRY, I HAVE BEEN MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION DURING THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THIS CONNEXION, I HAVE HAD MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR KWON MIN JUN, PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND I FEEL THAT I SHOULD ACQUAINT YOU WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR CONVERSATION THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

B. QUOTE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WE EXPLORED AT GREAT LENGTH THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY, AND I HAVE BEEN ENDEAVOURING TO FIND WAYS TO BRING ABOUT SOME ACCOMODATION BETWEEN THE DIVERGENT VIEWS OF THE ARTIES. WHILE AMBASSADOR KWON DID NOT INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN THE BASIC POLICY OF HIS GOVERNMENT, HE REPEATEDLY STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO DISCESS THE PRESENT SITUATION. I SHOULD ADD THAT AMBASSADOR KWON EMPHASIZED THAT ANY POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH

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YOU OR AN AUTHORIZED PERSONALITY COULD BE HELD IN STRICT

CONFIDENCE. TIMING AND VENUE WOULD BE LEFT TO YOU. IT COULD BE IN WASHINGTON, IN NEW YORK OR IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

C. QUOTE I DID OF COURSE REFER TO YOUR POSITION THAT ONLY NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH SOUTH KOREA WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE SEEMED ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE IS FULLY AWARE OF THIS BUT WANTS TO HAVE A FIRST INNERQUOTE PRISE DE CONTACT END INNERQUOTE WITH THE UNITED STATES BEFORE DECIDING ON ANY CONCRETE NEGOTIATING PROCEDURE.

D. QUOTE I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD BRING THIS TO YOUR IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE SINCE THE DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION WILL COME UP VERY SOON.

E. QUOTE I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS FROM YOUR SIDE. NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT I WOULD GLADLY CONVEY ANY MESSAGE OR INFORMATION YOU SHOULD HAVE FOR AMBASSADOR KWON.

F. QUOTE WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, YOUR SINCERELY,
KURT WALDHEIM END QUOTE.
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